

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2018

May 23, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Amends the telephone solicitation statute to define the following:

Telephone solicitation means any voice communication over a telephone originating from Tennessee or elsewhere that:

- Promotes or encourages, directly or indirectly, the purchase of, rental of, or investment in property, goods or services;
- Refers a residential subscriber to another person for the purpose of promoting or encouraging the purchase of, rental of, or investment in property, goods, or services; or
- Requests a charitable contribution except as provided below.

Tennessee solicitation does not include voice communications to any residential subscriber:

- With that subscriber's prior express permission;
- If the communication is made by a bona fide member, volunteer or direct employee of a not-for-profit organization exempt from paying taxes under the Internal Revenue Code § 501(c), provided the voice communication is made to request a charitable contribution to be used solely for such not-for-profit organization's exempt purpose.
- Who is an existing customer
- If the communication is made on behalf of a business and specified conditions are met.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Bill provides further definition as to what is prohibited telephone solicitation under the telephone solicitation statute.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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